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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

1. WHEN I ARRIVED AT MONTAZA FOR MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY THIS MORNING, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM HILAL WAS ALSO THERE. THEY HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT AMOCO INCIDENT, WHICH HILAL WAS DESCRIBING TO FAHMY ON BASIS OF REPORTS AND MAPS. HILAL EMPHASIZED THAT EVEN THOUGH EGYPT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE A MEDIAN LINE IN THE RED SEA, IT HAS CONSCIOUSLY SOUGHT TO LIMIT OPERATIONS TO WESTERN SIDE OF SUCH A THEORETICAL LINE TO AVOID INCIDENT. AMOCO VESSEL HAD BEEN CHALLENGED BY ISRAELIS WEST OF SUCH A LINE.

2. FAHMY GREATLY EXCERSED ABOUT INCIDENT. HE ASKED THAT I CONVEY TO YOU IMMEDIATELY THAT, LEAVING ASIDE QUESTION OF NATIONALITY OF ACCOSTED VESSEL, IF HE DOES NOT GET AN ASSURANCE FROM ISRAELIS IN WRITING STATING THEY WILL NOT CHALLENGE OIL EXPLORATIONS VESSELS OPERATING IN EGYPTIAN WATERS, THE PRESENT REFERENCE IN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO QUOTE NO BLOCKADE UNQUOTE WILL BE DROPPED.

3. IN VIEW ABOVE AND PREVIOUS REPORTS ON AMOCO INCIDENT YOU MAY WISH RAISE MATTER WITH ISRAELIS BEFORE COMING HERE. YOU SHOULD EXPECT FAHMY TO RAISE IT WITH YOU HERE.

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